GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAP BETWEEN PRICES OF DIESEL AND KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the kerosene is being mixed in huge quantity in Diesel and Petrol;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to narrow the gap between the prices of diesel and kerosene in order to check the adulteration of kerosene in diesel and petrol;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Instances of Kerosene being used to adulterate MS & HSD have come to the notice.This is owing to the price differential between kerosene and Diesel & Petrol.

(b) to (d) : As per the phased programme of dismantling the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM), consumer prices of Diesel and Petrol are to be moved towards import parity. Kerosene for public distribution will carry a subsidy of 33.3% of the import parity prices. These changes are scheduled to be put in place by March, 2001.